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9 The Ministry of Pleasant Hill & South Union, viz. Elder Hervey S. Eades, Elderess Paulina Bryant & Elderess Betsy Smith — Elder James Rankin remaining at home, & B. B. Dienlavy going in his stead — set out for Mount Lebanon & the other Eastern Societies, on a visit. Reached Cincinnati the same day; met with Elder John Martin of Union Village, Stephen Ball & Elmer Butler of White Water. Put up at the Denizen House.

10 Took the cars on the Little Miami Road via Columbus, Ohio, & the Baltimore & Ohio Rail Road. Bituminous Coal was their fuel, which sent forth a dense column of black smoke, which soiled & blackened every thing inside & out of the cars, & all creation about there! The train crossed the Ohio River in a long ferry boat just above Wheeling. We traveled all night through the mountains of Virginia. We entered them before dark & found the road winding along the ravine among the hills, which increased into a wild mountain scenery till we were enveloped

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in darkness.

6th. 11 Daylight found us on the waters of the Potomac, which we crossed at Harpers Ferry, where there is a gap in the Blue Ridge through which it passes, presenting one of the most romantic views of picturesque scenery our eyes ever beheld. Reached Baltimore about 9, A.M. Breakfast at restaurant, $1, '75. Exorbitant! Passed through a beautiful country, generally level. Reached Philadelphia about 2 P.M., Fleetwood Ward met us at the Depot, & conducted us to his residence, & entertained us about 2½ hours, very respectfully & attentively. Went with us, as a guide, wherever we went through the City. We went to a quaker store, made some purchases for S. U. We visited Fairmount Waterworks that evening - a most beautiful display of nature & art combined.

Sat. 12 Visited the Academy of natural sciences, consisting of all varieties of animals, fish, fowls & reptiles & insects, &c., being stuffed skins, frames of bones &c. We also went to the head quarters of the Union League & Independence Hall, where the Declaration of Independence was signed, with

Fairmount Water works.

Central City Park N. Y.

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all its appendages & appertinences; an interesting spot. At 1½ P. M. took the cars for New York, where we arrived at 5½. Were disappointed in not meeting company from Mount Lebanon. Called at the Earls House

Sab. 13 Started to Brookly to hear H. W. Beecher preach — not at home. Took the Street cars at 6 cts a piece for Central Park. Chartered a carriage for one dollar to give us a drive through the Park. He asked three Dollars — would not give it. It is the most beautiful specimen of nature & art combined probably to be found any where in America. Smooth gravel roads, several large fountains with jets or perpendicular spouts & sprays in them. Large ponds or lakes with vessels to ride about in. Buildings in the hill sides for resting, playing, or eating in. Stone steps to ascend the hills. All kind of ever green & other trees, the grassy plots, lawns & hills kept low, smoothe & green, a delightful & picturesque scenery. Elderess Paulina lost her fan. Elder Harvey went to Brooklyn to

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Sunt 11 R. White. Failed. The rest
of us went to a Catholic meeting.
Dry concern. Had a long walk thro.
the City returning to the Hotel. Re-
mained in the City all night again.
M. 14 Took passage on the Steamboat Daniel
Drew up the Hudson River to Albany.
Passed up one of the most beautiful
Rivers, with its mountain scenery &
objects of historical notariety, in the
western world. Saw the residence of the
late Washington Irvin the celebrated au-
thor; Poukepsie where Mother Ann was
imprisoned; Sing Sing the N. Y. State Pris-
on; West Point where Colfax the vice
President who was on board, disembarked
the Catskill mountains came next
in view; rearing their heads to the clouds.
Newberg the head quarters of Gen. Wash-
ington during the revolutionary war,
is also on this river. When we neared
Albany we saw a white hat at the
landing, & found it to be Elder Daniel
Boler, with George Price & Jesse Har-
wood. This was a joyous meeting! They
landed us at Watervliet at 6, P.M.

Up the Hudson River

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Elderess Ann & Elderess Polly were at the door to greet us with a hearty welcome with angelic smiles, & Elder Giles soon came in & joined the heavenly band. The Ministry of Alfred & Gloucester were present viz. El. Eli Sawer, Elderess Hester Ann Adams, & Elderess Mary Ann Gillispy, & Elder John Vance of the Gathering Order, their Preacher at Alfred. A very beautiful & lovely lot. We spent the evening very pleasantly & agreeably with both lots of Ministry.

Su. 15 Spent the morning with the Ministry & Elders First Order, at the Office & an hour or two at the Ministry's shop. The brethren were just mowing their yards the first time, the locust trees just in bloom, & strawberries but just turning. The Meeting house is enclosed with a picket fence, made of iron posts painted black, & rails & pickets of timber painted white; they are removed from the front of the house because the snow sliding from the roof would break them down. We walked around the premises in the after

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15 Noon through the shops, wash house & dwelling house which stands at the head or north end of the avenue, on either side of which the buildings are arranged. Their wash house is well fitted up, the machinery & boiling & all the business being operated by steam, the steam being conducted in pipes to boil the clothes & heat water &c. A centrifugal clothes dryer in stead of a press, which is run by steam. A great improvement. They are then haired to the drying room by a windlass. This is decidedly the best arranged wash house that I have ever seen. A small stream in a deep channel passes along just back of the buildings on the side of the avenue, which drains the yard & lots, & every thing shines with cleanliness, & the yards & premises are beautifully clothed with a green mantle, & every thing wears the appearance of neatness & loveliness & beauty. The three Lots of Ministry met at the Office after supper, & spent the evening in social conversation & singing.

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W. 16. We visited the West or 2nd Family, about 40 members. Elder Jeremiah Howe, Augustus Blase, Elderess Paulina Bates & Elvira Conklin were the Elders. We found them well provided with comforts & conveniences. A belt of timber, tall pines, Chestnuts, Oaks &c., near by on the north & West, serves as a protection against the cold winds in Winter, & furnished an ample supply of wood & timber. From the top of their dwelling the Helleberg mountains, from whence they obtain walk stone, & the Catskill mountains, were plainly visible in the South West, & the Green mountains of Vermont on the north east. A splendid rich valley, highly cultivated, lies between. We took dinner & supper with them, & had a very good & satisfactory visit, really lively, pleasant & interesting. As we returned to the Office met Elderess Paulina & the company from the Boston meeting, had missed the visit with her, to our great regret.

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North Family or Second Order.

Th. 17 We visited The Second Order. Elder Sylvester Prentice, ~~x~~, Elderess ~~Sylvester~~ ~~x~~ Sarah Vanwike & Amelia White are the Elders. They gave us a ride out north to the Mohawk River, over their farm, in the forenoon, which lies in the river bottom, & is level & extremely fertile; the portion belonging to this Family forms an island in the river. We past a Doctors house, who they informed us, was their family Physician, retained by the years. They had numerous houses scattered about over the farm occupied by tenants. We had a very pleasant & satisfactory visit, Every thing was in the neatest order, in the dwelling house, shops, kitchen, cellar, barn & appertenances; & they abound in accommodations & conveniences. The folks were very affectionately kind, social & loving, & warm hearted. We walked out to their holy ground, which is near by, & had a pleasant time. Returned to the office after supper, very favorably impressed with our visit & the good folks in that family.

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S. 13 We visited the South or Gathering Family. The Elders were Elder Zachar Bates Jun., Albert Sonias, Preacher, Elderess Sovina Salisbury & Harriet Bullard. We first took a ride this morning, with Br. Albert, out towards Albany through New-Lebanon, & viewed one of the most beautiful districts of country, kept in the neatest style & under the highest state of cultivation that my eyes ever beheld. Avenues, lawns, vegetable & flower gardens lined the road on either side, variegated with all the beauty & loveliness of nature & art combined. We reached the South Family a little after 11, A.M. Met with a warm reception, had a very pleasant visit with a band very clever family of folks, about 60 or 65 in No., & are independent in temporal resources. We first visited the brethren, after dinner, in the meeting room, & then the sisters in the same place. They were free, simple & sociable for young Believers, & we past the time pleasantly in social conversation & singing &c. They have a deep pond, made by embankment, near the buildings, with an ice house not 3 rods from it, with a door in the gable end for filling it. Have a fine farm & garden, saw mill, shops & houses in plenty.

They have two families at the South Family or Gathering Order. Each family has a long building.

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Sat. 19 We walked around to the shops & premises of the Chh.. Their Dentist shop is more abundantly furnished, but not so elegantly as ours, kept by Ephraim Prentice an aged brother. They have a Dry house, that revolves with the fruit baskets, similar to the over head wheel swing at home, & another one with a box in the upper floor with a wire cloth bottom. This latter is the best kind. Elder Giles is building a house to winter his Bees, they are without shelter in Summer. They abound in all necessary buildings, &c.

Sab. 20. It rained & disappointed public meeting. And we visited the First Order.

Singing meeting

We went to the meeting room & had an introduction to the brethren & Sisters; then they formed into 4 groups, & we were distributed to suit, I went to chatting, & changed companies till we got around. The Family Deacon & Deaconess take charge of us & conducted the visit, while the Elder Brother & Elder Sister sat out at the walls & overlooked the whole. When this was through the Ministry came in, & we were called to singing. There was a large black board hanging against the wall at the head of the meeting, with verses

of music written on it. The Ministry placed themselves at the head of the meeting, facing the doors, & we in the same rank outside of them, & the family formed ranks across the room facing them, seated on chairs. the Elders now taking the lead.
All kept good order, & none leaned back during the meeting, but all united & seemed engaged to learn & sing. Elder Daniel introduced us to the meeting, regretted the disappointment about public meeting, & then singing commenced. After a song or two, Elder Giles arose, having a table before him, & gave some instructions about singing; then commenced drilling the whole family in the science & practice of music, practicing them on the scale, sounding the octave, & singing under special instructions, having a gavel to beat time & regulate the movements. And this continued for about an hour. We were then invited to deliver the love, & receive in return, which we did, & spoke a few minutes, & were dismissed. The above mode of drilling is for the purpose of training believers in a more regular & scientific mode of singing. They are wide awake to the subject here at Lebanon

Singing Meeting.

& Canterbury, the latter taking the lead. Each Family in this Society, forms a separate interest in temporal affairs, though the First & Second Orders form the Chh. & meet together, R. The Ministry, Elders & Deacons say they get along more smoothly & support better union than when the two Orders formed one interest. They possess lands, houses & facilities for the support of double the number they now count in my opinion. They hire a great deal, so that the Trustees say they pay out about $9,000 per anum for hired help in the First Order. The Village is about 6 miles North West of Albany & when we entered the avenue we were going due north, which is closed at the north end with the Center House. Chauncey Miller & Jesse Harwood are the Trustees, & Sydia Annis & Ruth Green the Offic Deaconesses, & also Samantha Boe. There are about 200 members in this Society, & they hire considerable. Chauncy Miller Trustee informed us that they paid out about $9,000 per anum for hired help.

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M. 21 We took a ride in company with Elder Austin Bucking ham & George Priestley & Maria Treadway, Elderess Betsy remaining at home. We went first to Cohoes Falls on the Mohawk where there is now a city, called Cohoes, & the greatest water power facilities I ever saw. We entered a cotton factory that looked like an ocean of machinery, carding, spinning & weaving, the house 700 feet long, 4 stories high, & full of machinery from top to bottom, all in motion above And two or four other factories about equal to it, called the Harmony mills. We visited the Paper mill, & Pin Factory also, which is a great curiosity, & a perfect exemplification of Yankee brains. After seeing all the sights, & not the least, the Cohoes Falls, which were a splendid sight, 68 feet in height, & partaking of an excellent dinner at a hotel, we proceeded down to Troy which is a large City spreading out on each side of the Hudson River, & so near Albany that the Street cars run thro' from one to the other, the whole bottom being almost as level

Cohoes

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as the river. On our return home we past thro the Albany Cemetery, which presents a most romantic scenery of hills, ravines & plains, combining the beauties of art & nature, vastly more extensive & picturesque than that of Lexington in Kentucky. When we returned home, we met James Calver & Edward Fowler from Mount Lebanon.

Journey to Lebanon.

6th. 22 – We set out for Mt. Lebanon at 11½ A. M. in company with James Calver of Lebanon & Geo. Price of W. V., & past thro Albany, where we met the Ministry from Canterbury, El. A. Perkins, Els. Harriet Hastings & El. Sarah Crooker, which was a delightful meeting indeed. We spent an hour or two in the City, & walked thro a Geological building – forget the name – containing specimens of natural history & mechanical arts, including the animal, vegetable & mineral productions, & implements of agriculture. El. Elder Abram & Co. pursued their journey to W. V., & we took the cars for Mt. Lebanon, which we reached about a quarter before 7 P. M. being conveyed in carriages, which met

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us at Canaan 4 corners, over the moun-
tains about 7 miles, & very hilly road, in
which time we were chilled thro with cold
& required fire in our rooms when we got
in. We entered the village from the south
going north, & beheld a delightful village
with a most beautiful & imposing exterior
indicative of the purity of the interior.
The Elders & a respectable No. of brethren
& Sisters received us at the Office, which
stands on the east side of the road facing
the meeting house. After supper, & a sober
chit chat & some singing, we retired to rest.

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W. 28. Br. Charles Sizer & the Elder Sisters,
viz. Elderess Sarah Ann Lewis & Harriet
Goodwin (alias a good one) conducted us thro & over the prem-
ises of the 1st Order. Past thro the meet-
ing house; singing in it echoes like the rever-
berations of a bugle among the mountains.
Called at the sisters' shop which is kept as
neat as a palace, & furnished with ample
accommodations; saw some small white
knobs, & some brass ones, on the little drawers
of boxes, tables, &c. A clock told the time
of day in almost Every hall & room.

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W. 23 Here we saw Sarah Bates, Eliza Sharp & Joanna Kitchel, & sat in Mother Anns chair. A company of sisters of all ages gathered into one of the rooms, & we had a very pleasant & agreeable short visit. Too short — so delightful, the living & loving spirit that beamed from every countenance was truly refreshing, & the very atmosphere seemed pure & holy. We took a ramble all thro' the house, & every apartment seemed to be well furnished with convenient accommodations, & cleanliness crowned out as briliant as the roses upon the branches. We took the Dairy in our stroll, where we found good, substancial Buckeye presses which they use exclusively, & like them well. They also have a cheese vat, which they report to be a good & labor saving arrangement. The Infirmary came next, & that is the most perfect model of neatness & convenience for the comfort & restoration of patients that I have ever seen. It would seem like a mere entrance into this heartsome place, would render a patient convalescent.

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№23 Their drying kiln newly fitted up, is said to perform most admirably. Their school is of world renown, & most justly so. Their exercises were so arranged as to give every child an opportunity for unfolding her abilities & qualifications in their recitations, the girls school being in session at this time. They went through their exercises most beautifully, & did great credit to themselves & their instructors. All seemed attentive & interested, & promptly acted their part without any squirming or flirting. And they portrayed with much exactness & force, the characters represented in their recitations. All together, I think the best conducted school I have met. A moral & reverencial sentiment ran thro all the lessons they recited, calculated to impress their young minds with veneration & the fear of God, which clearly indicated the correct taste & good judgement of their talented & beloved Tutors, Amelia Calvert & Emma Neal. May a kind Providence bless them, & smile upon their laudable efforts, & crown them with success. We returned home to the Office highly pleased & much edified with the proceedings of the day.

Schools of First Order.

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Th. 24. We visited the Second Order. Their Elders are as follows. Elder Calvin Reed, Robert Valentine, Elderess Hannah Ann Agnew & Adaline Sears, a most lovely company. This & the First Order, are in one interest, & conduct the Extract & herb manufactory in unison, which is their greatest source of income. The Second Order have a splendid 4 story dwelling house, 5 stories in front, the basement built of cut stone, the balance frame, with a flat gravel roof, And the interior is beyond all competition for neatness, convenience & comfort. Water is conducted from the mountain in pipes, & every story is abundantly supplied with both Hot & Cold water at all times, for drinking, washing & bathing. The window curtains are rolled up by little brass pulleys, such as were purchased at Pleasant Hill for inspection. Every room is amply supplied with stationary presses & drawers, & little white knobs or pins on the small drawers, & a few of the doors with white knobs. And every apartment is admirably arranged for convenience & comfort, apparently to the best possible advantage.

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Wh. 24, The sisters shop is also a model of convenience comfort & neatness which we took a short thro', meeting such of the sisters as were to be found, & all seemed sociable & loving in their spirits & feelings, & we felt as if we were surrounded with a pure & holy atmosphere. After dinner we visited the brethren in accompanied by the Elders The sisters collected in the meeting room in the fore noon & had a very pleasant & interesting visit with us, forming in groups, & alternating as we usually do at Pleasant Hill, after which we formed into one group & had singing, & enjoyed a rich feast, under a spiritual & heavenly influence, which felt very refreshing indeed. After dinner we visited the brethren in a similar manner which was very interesting & satisfactory. The Family then all took a walk to their Holy ground, which is on the old gravey'd now obliterated, where lie interred the remains of Father Joseph, Elder Henry Clough & others of our holy Parentage. The sacred spot is now surrounded with a circle of green trees, partly

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W. 24 evergreens. We here had a pleasant visit in singing social conversation, &c. And a couple of the young sisters repeated in a very interesting & becoming manner a religious dialogue, in regard to the departed worthies & their intercommunication with us in this mundane sphere, &c. We marched home to the sound of music, & after supper returned to the Office, after a busy day of most agreeable & pleasant entertainment, with loving, lovely & heavenly company.

F. 25 Visited the Second Family & South House; these two were formerly included in one interest, but are now separated, & each family is under the immediate jurisdiction of the Ministry, & manage their own temporal affairs. The Elders of the Second Family are Elder Amos Stewart, Avery Allen, Elderess Marilla Fairbanks & Fanny Taylor. We found them abounding in accommodations & comforts in a temporal point of view, similar to the others we had visited. And we had a very

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F. 25 pleasant & agreeable visit with them, for they all abound in spiritual as well as temporal blessings.

South Family.

25 We visited this Family in the afternoon. The Elders are Elder Daniel Hawkins, Robert Wagen, Eldress Lydia Lewis & Serena McDonald. We were informed by Elder Daniel Hawkins, that it was just one mile from their dwelling house to the North Family barn, which stands north of the dwelling house of that Family. The South Family seems to be well furnished with buildings & other accommodations for the comforts of this life, & also, like all the rest, keep a living gift in the spirit. We had a very satisfactory & interesting visit with them, & found them all alive & wide awake & prospering both spiritually & temporally.

Sat. 26 North Family.

We visited the North Family or Gathering Order, a rainy morning. The Elders are, Elder Frederic Evans, Timothy Rayson, Eldress Antionette Doolittle &

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26. Anna White. This is certainly a model Gathering Family. They are abundantly supplied with building accommodations, & land & every means necessary for an independent support, & all their premises & appurtenances exhibit this unmistakably to all beholders. And a birds eye view of the interior, reveals the secret of all the cleanliness, order & beauty that reigns around these borders. After a very agreeable & pleasant visit, in which were manifested the warmest feelings of love & gospel affection, & most respectful & kindness & attentions, we returned Home to the Office, highly delighted & edified.

North Family

Sab. 27. We visited the brethren of the First Order, & were highly entertained an hour or two. Rain prevented public meeting. & Elder Frederic & Eldress Antonett invited us to attend their forenoon meeting, which we very cordially accepted. And when we entered the meeting room, we were welcomed with the highest respect & most affectionate love in a beautiful song, sung in a most mas-

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lively manner, with the hearts, & with splendid voices, & with other demonstrations. Meeting commenced with no great outward demonstrations, but with a living gift, we taking some part in the exercises in marching speaking &c., to give variety & interest to the movements. And the gift increased & arose to a burning flame, about all, both old & young. & especially the latter taking part in the demonstrations & speaking. & carnal nature was handled without gloves, & the fire burned with an intensity & zeal that was perfectly astonishing. The young class unsheathed their swords, & wielded them with a power force that we had never before witnessed, in self abasement & reclaiming their firm faith in the gospel & their resolute determinations to live it faithfully to the end, & not to be turned aside by the temptations & allurements of a carnal filthy nature. The 2nd sisters taking the lead, Elder Frederic said in a soft manner, that he wanted the brethren & sisters to be united & go together in this gift, when the young brethren came forward & brought up their part manfully. The deliberate simplicity with which they expressed their faith & feelings, giving effect to their words by appropriate actions,

27 bowing their heads before us & their Elders, asking a blessing & strength &c., was truly beautiful & affecting. And thus the fire burned, & the power of the Spirit flowed & love & zeal abounded throughout a long thy meeting.

At 2½ P. M. we attended Ch'h. meeting, & witnessed another demonstration of the genuine gospel spirit & power, & a zeal & fervency of devotion, that gave evidence of a firm resignation to the requirements of the gospel. & we had a lively, & refreshing meeting, which we enjoyed with a hearty relish. Their action in singing, timing, motioning, &c., was more forcible & effective than has been our custom; but their singing & marching — both quick & slow — were about our speed, the slow march being about the speed that we have always practiced till recently. Their quick steps were such as we often use for marches. The time was occupied in speaking, singing, marching, dancing &c. much as we do, but with a more living gift & power. We gave the love from the elders, which was received with demonstrations of joy. We received theirs in like manner for the eastern societies, & closed a reviving & interesting meeting

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M. 28 — Visited the Hill Family, took a ride around by Lebanon Springs on the route, a most magnificent & picturesque scenery on the side of a mountain, where the works of nature & art are most profusely intermixed, producing a grand & romantic appearance. A beautiful valley stretches out in the distance, dotted with houses, gardens & pastures & groves which extend up the side of the mountains even to the top, producing a grand & sublime appearance. We wended our way back down the valley, & then ascended a long hill up to the Hill Family. Here is a pleasant location, & a live family on a bench of the mountain. We had a lively visit, that was very interesting & satisfactory, we were enjoying a very hearty meeting with them during a violent storm of rain. This is the little family that performed as much one last year, as stated by Elder Giles, & they are still thriving, lively & loving. They follow farming & growing sweet corn for market. They pay 45 to 50 dollars per acre for sweet corn, the farmer raising it on his own land, & delivering the corn to them. They now have this years

Elders. Edward Olive, Wm. Anderson, Charlotte Dow & Rose Ann Jones

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M 28 - crop engaged at $2.25 per barrel, as also have the Society at Water Vliet, N.Y. We returned home to the Ch. in the evening highly pleased. We had visited the herb shop & in the morning before going to the hill, this we found to be an extensive establishment conducted on scientific principles. The machinery is driven by an oscilating engine, the exhaust steam being used for drying herbs, warming the house & heating water, &c. They use coal for fuel, & have a patent drying kiln for drying herbs, & a hydraulic press for pressing them. Altogether it is a valuable Institution.

El. Harvey & the writer attended a drilling, singing school this evening in the meeting room at the First Order, which was very well conducted.

Tu. 29 - Started ~~James Culver took us to depot~~ for South Enfield, met with Canterbury Ministry at the Depot, who traveled with us to Springfield, the most beautiful City that we have seen yet. Elders Thomas Daymon, Elder Robert Wathen, Richard Van Deozen, Elizabeth Copley, Emeline Heart & Emma Strobridge met us here & conveyed us 9 miles to Enfield, where we landed about

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quarter before 6. P. M.

Tu. 29 — Visited the brethren 1st Order, after supper. The Ministry of Hancock were here, Elder Thomas Dayman, Elderess Eunice Hastings & Elderess Clarissa Pees. The Elders First Order are El. Geo. Wilcox, Russel Haskel, Els. Olive Blanchard & Emeline Heart. This is a broad level situation, most beautiful to behold, in the fertile Connecticut valley, rich in resources, & well supplied with building accommodations & permanent improvements.

W. 30 — We visited the North Family or Second Gathering Order. The Elders are Elder Robert Aitken Gilbert Avery, Elderess Silphy Blanchard & Emily Curtis. Had a delightful time with them. After dinner went to the East House where some ten persons reside, then took a ride out to the powder mills, about 4 miles around.

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Th. 1 — Visited the South or Gathering Family. Took a cold ride with over coats on, to Thompsonville on the Connecticut River, 4 miles distant. Saw a carpet factory, containing a world of machinery, with looms worth $1000 a piece. Also, saw a worsted factory, a prodigy of ingenuity

South Enfield, July, 1869

Th. 1— Went to South or Gathering Family at 9½ A. M.— The Elders are El. Stoughton Kellogg, Daniel Orcutt, Elderess Anna Ervin & Marion Patrick. This Family is abundantly supplied with resources & accommodations. We had a pleasant & agreeable visit, & returned to the First Order, after dinner, & visited the sisters, having seen the brethren before. The visit passed off very agreeably & satisfactorily. The songs & singing were excellent, & the interview pleasant & delightful. At the Ministry's shop we had some nice speeches, grown at Springfield. After supper visited the little girls, they sung & performed remarkably well.

There are about 130 members in this Society, with territory, buildings & resources enough for 500.

F. 2— Set out for Enfield, New Hampshire Syman, Els. Clarissa Peas, Emily Curtis & Martha Peas accompanied us 9 miles to the depot at Springfield, Mass. The train was in motion when we reached it, but we succeeded in arresting it, & getting on. We proceeded up the Connecticut River by rail, a beautiful river that winds

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O. Orville & John Bradford Hunter.

W. 2 — its way it is through a pleasant vale interspersed with gardens, fields, meadows & pastures, beautifully cultivated, the road frequently crossing the river, alternately in Vermont & New Hampshire. When we had reached White River Junction we met Elder Orville Dyer, Oliver Joslin (the caterer) & Sis Caroline Whither & Isabella Cynthia Griffin, Cynthia Annice & Augusta Eastman, who conveyed us home in a carriage, about 7 miles over a somewhat hilly road, & arrived about 6 P. M. This is a romantic region, the east side of the village is bounded by a large pond from ½ to ¾ of a mile wide & about 5 miles long; & the west side is hemed in by the mountains, enclosing a beautiful valley, in which stands a pleasant & delightful village, consisting of elegant & commodious buildings, well adapted to the wants & accommodations of Believers. They are divided into three different Families, each in a separate interest, the First Order & Gathering Order about as far apart as our First & Second Orders. Their yards & gardens that spread over the valley, are kept in the neatest order, & their buildings correspond in neatness & cleanliness.

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Sat. 3 — We walked around the premises of the First Order, had a visit in the morning with the Ministry, Elder Abram Perkins, Elderess Harriet Hastings & Elderess Sarah Crooker. Found lovely & beautiful lot, full of the living spirit. The Elders of the First Order then made us a visit, El. Orville Dyer, Oliver Joslin, Elds. Caroline Whitcher & Isabella Russel. a beautiful lot of living souls. We then took our walk, & after dinner visited the sisters in the meeting room, quite a large company, who made a beautiful & heavenly appearance, a majority of whom seemed to be of the younger class. Our visit was truly interesting & delightful, forming groups for conversation, alternating, & then singing, dancing & talking altogether. We also visited the school, & heard their recitations, & saw them — The girls go through their gymnastics, all of which were performed with much credit to the scholars & Instructors.

First Order

Girls School.

Sab. 4 — Visited the brethren this morning. At ten o'clock attended public meeting. The writer delivered a discourse, to a house so crowded that there was no room for exercise. House too small. At 2½ P. M. attended a visiting meeting of the whole Society in the meeting

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Sab. 4— room at the First Order, which was spent mostly in conversation & some singing, the Ministry being present. — A. 7 P. M. attended Ch. meeting, with the First Order Only, in their meeting room, the Ministry present, & we had a meeting that was really worth having, & was indeed reviving & cheering. The exercises were stepping & shuffling, marching, dancing, singing & speaking. A. A lively ministration was maintained throughout the meeting, much of the time being spent in speaking, numerous testimonies being spoken which were spirited, living & pointed, in support of the faith, & determinations to keep it pure, A. We took part in the gift, & the meeting lasted nearly two hours in a lively, interesting & stirring manner, which showed the ring of the true metal, & made it refreshing indeed.

M. 5— Visited the North or Gathering Order. Eld. Henry Cummings, Hiram Irish, Eld. Laura Foster, & Caroline Slack are the Elders. They seem to be well accommodated here with buildings & other accommodations for the conveniences of society. We had a pleasant & interesting visit with them. Their principal business is dispersing, making a

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substaial article of tubs & buckets of pine timber. (None of your swiveled ash trash.) They also sell medical roots, &c. Their machinery is driven by water power, & is most complete, simple & effectual. Here, as also in all this society, they wash & iron all the same day, divide the company, & take turns at each branch so as to employ but one day.

Second Family.

Jan. 6— The Elders of this Family are, Elder Timothy Randlet, Eld. Hannah Taylor & Betsy Hartford. Wm. Wilson is Trustee. Malinda Hubbard, Roselinda Allard and Cynthia Cushman are the Office Sisters. We took a little ride up the valley to their farm, three or four miles to a little town in the morning, & then spent the day in visiting. Here we saw the girls school of learning, Gymnastics, &c., heard their recitations, which were well performed, & the school seemed to be under first rate management. This Family cultivate Valerian & make extract to sell, & raise garden seeds, & do & carry on the coopering

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business, farming & gardening in a small way. And every thing is as neat & clean as a penny, & the folks seem as pure minded & bright as saints ought to be. We had a delightful visit with them, & found them social, free & pleasant.

W. 7— Spent the forenoon walking around & through the premises at First Order. Their dwelling is of Granite, a large 4 story house of solid masonry. The Ministers occupy one end of the building & the sisters the other, the stairs ascending from each end of the building towards the center, leaving a space of perhaps 20 feet between the heads of the two flairs, where they terminate on the floor. The house is amply supplied with every accommodation in its arrangement & furniture, all being supplied with single beds, drawers, presses, &c, in abundance. The two upper stories are at present unoccupied for want of occupants. The kitchen & cellar are well arranged for convenience. They use the old kind of bake ovens, built of soap stone, in preference to the portable ovens, say they can heat them in the morning

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N.7 I bake in them all day without renewing the fire. They have some white bread, but use mostly Rye & Indian & Graham bread. They have the best beef skipper I have ever seen, two plain bits set in a wheel turned by a crank. Their cellar floor is all laid with rock, & they like it much. Their barn is a splendid affair, they drive in at the top, & feeding is very convenient. There is a chimney up thro it, well secured against fire, for cooking food & a room to warm in. A slate roof. The sisters feed the calves, mostly with milk, have a nice room for them to stick their heads into to eat. The manure is scraped down thro' trap doors into the cellar. Very convenient. &c.

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After dinner we were invited to take a walk with company of brethren & sisters, up to their sugar camp, on the side of the mountain, for recreation, where we spent two or three pleasant hours, in social converse, singing, speaking, &c., very agreeable & entertaining. Returning, we called in to a machine shop, with turning lathes, for both wood & iron, circular saws, a broom handle lathe, &c. This evening we attended a singing meeting for drilling the singers in music. There were 200 in the Society.

A walk.

Journey to Canterbury, July, 1869.

Th. 8— We set out about noon for Canterbury by Rail, in company with the Ministry, viz. Elder Abram Perkins, Elderess Harriet Hastings & Elderess Sarah Crooker. Past thro' a mountainous region, interspersed with small cultivated vales, garden spots &c. Kearsarge Mountain which serves for a mark for home bound mariners, is on this road, & Chance Pond on which Daniel Webster kept a boat, his birth place being near by on the Merrimac River. At the town of Franklin we were met by Sylvester Carr, Geo. Clark, Myckell Blake & Sally Seely who conveyed us home, 7½ miles, in carriages, over a rugged country. On the way we past near the birth place of El. Abram Perkins. Arrived in Canterbury about 6 P. M., a beautiful Village, in a granite, mountainous, rocking region, tho' so well improved at this point, that it may be appropriately named The Star of the East. It is but a feeble expression to say, we were cordially met & heartily welcomed. We had supper & a few minutes rest, & were then invited to attend a meeting at the First Order, which we cheerfully accepted, & were warmly greeted

* El Daniels, Cynthia Sweetser, Cynthia Sweetser & Joseph Canham came with us to Canterbury

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& welcomed with singing, speaking & every demonstration of warm hearted joy & delight. We spent a short time in this profoundly interesting meeting, & then retired to rest.

W. 9— The Ministry came & had an interview with us, & then the Elders First Order visited us, their names are Elder Henry C. Blinn, Sylvester Carr, Elderess Dorothy Dergen & Suny Ann Shepherd, a living & lovely lot as earth affords. After this we were conducted to the Ministry's shop where Father Job, had occupied & now occupied by Elder Abram Perkins, Elderess Harriet Hastings & Elderess Sarah Crooker a live & beautiful lot of Ministry. Walked around & through the premises of the First Order. They are abundantly supplied with buildings & every accommodation for the comforts & conveniences of life. The sisters work shops are very commodious & neat, & generally supplied with work benches & desks abundantly furnished with drawers & conveniencies. Their dwellings have the neatness of a flower bed, & are furnished with single beds throughout & mostly with

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9 — high head boards or framing, two feet or over. The children's houses are as neat as a parlor, & furnished with single beds for every individual, the foot board or frame high enough to throw the bed clothes back on, in place of having chairs to strip the bed on. They claim that there are peculiar advantages in these single beds for children. In their wash house they have a steam engine to boil the clothes with steam, run their Parker wash mill, which they highly recommend, & to turn their centrifugal dryer which they also recommend. They have large water tight boxes with two or more apartments, for rubbing & rinsing tubs. They have just built a new hen house, which is fitted up as nice & convenient as a work shop, weatherboarded with shingles, & furnished with many convenient fixtures. A very convenient affair whether it ever returns the interest or not. We visited the sisters in the afternoon, & had a very interesting time indeed. They were so pleasant, sociable, free & loving, that we were very agreeably & pleasantly entertained. over.

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9th. — After the regular visit we spent the balance of the evening walking around which was terminated by being led into the dining room, where we were presented with a rich banquet spread out the whole length of the table by the young sisters, in union. And here were collected the Ministry & the Elders, from all the families, to partake of the feast, while all the young sisters served at the table, the elder sisters being seated at the table to partake of the union feast. This feast was managed & conducted in a very pleasant manner, & was enjoyed with a peculiar zest, more especially because of the social friendly spirit that pervaded the whole company. One of the young sisters read an appropriate poem, & closed by offering a sentiment in the form of a toast in behalf of all the young company, to preserve a life of virgin purity, which was heartily responded to by the thankful guests. And the scene closed in a most cordial & warm hearted good feeling, never to be forgotten. After supper we visited the brethren in the next-

9 ing room, I had a delightful time with them also, till a late hour.

Sat. 10— We visited the Second Family, small in numbers. The Elders are El. Andrew J. Thompson, Ely. Eliza Ann Hills & Sarah D. Libbey. We had a very agreeable visit with this family. They too, are well provided with building accommodations & every necessary convenience for the comforts of life. But my time is limited, I must be brief. Here Nehemiah Trull lives ~~Sab. XX~~ who invented the Excelsior Wind mill, & has it patented.

Sab. 11— We visited the school boys, attended a training singing meeting conducted by Nicholas Briggs, both brethren & sisters being present. At 10, A. M. attended Public meeting. They sang a hymn, & El. Henry Blynn made a short address to Believers, after which they sleeped a couple of songs, then took seats, & Elder Henry introduced El. Benjamin Dunlavy of Kentucky as a Minister, who then delivered an address of about an hour in length. They then marched & sung, &

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Sab. 11 alternately, Sing ing a song after every one they marched, as they did also while they stopped in Holy Order. A number of both brethren & sisters spoke between the songs, to bear testimony to the truth; and after the exercises were through, Elder Hervey spoke about 20 minutes. Closed with a song. At 2 P. M. attended a speaking meeting, when Elder Hervey delivered a lengthy address to the young folks by invitation. Several others, both brethren & sisters spoke, with a good deal of firmness & plainness.

~~Sunday~~ Church meeting at 7, P. M. Had a regular visiting meeting; giving & receiving love H., singing, marching, dancing & speaking H. And such a living testimony in which unvarnished truth was held forth, & the hosts of Agag hewn to pieces, it has seldom fell to our lot to witness. This is no place for flesh hunters or carnal lovers, for truly this is the day that it was said should burn as an oven, & the proud & wicked, (pride & wickedness) should be as stubble, in which the spirit of freedom, love & union abound & supera bound. The writer, by request, here delivered a short address which

was listened to with marked attention. All the company spoke a few words in support of the gift, & a living gift was maintained throughout the meeting.

M. 12— We visited the North or Gathering Family. The Elders are Wm. Sylvey, James S. Wright, Joanna Kaine & Harriet Marsh. This is a small tho respectable family of promising looking folks. They are well provided with buildings & family accommodations. But time will not admit of an extended notice. In the evening we attended a meeting at the First Order mostly for ~~sing~~ speaking & some singing. Elder Harvey delivered a lecture on the Study of the Bible, & after some few remarks by others, the writer made some remarks on the same subject.

Tu. 13— We saw their barn, one of the best constructed I have ever seen. They drive in at the top & pitch the hay down, & also pitch it down into the racks, each to herself. Have trap doors to shove the manure down into the basement. They keep as many or more milch cows as we do. Their calves have nice clean stables with a hall between, where the sisters supply them with food in tin vessels, milk, bran or meal & hay in their racks. Every thing is kept neat & clean.

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Their Post Office occupies a room in their House at the 1st Order.

Tu. 13.— Their barn has a flat pebble roof. They use some milk on the table, but work most of it into butter & cheese, & they have a self presser for the cheese, which they invented here & think they say. We visited the girls' house & found it well fitted up with single beds & other accommodations, & all in the neatest order, as well as the little girls. We then went to their school, which is the best fitted up of any with which we have met, having single desks for each scholar. The scholars performed most admirably, & behaved as well. When the singing exercises commenced the boys were called in to take part, as they are teaching music in their school. The principal teacher— Ascenath Slickney— teaches both boys & girls, tho' not both at the same time. Emily Hall & Elizabeth Martin were teaching at present, tho Ascenath came in to give the lesson in music, which was well performed for such young scholars. The afternoon was spent in writing & visiting such ones as came to the office to see us, & preparing for our journey. The land here is a compact clay soil, full of rocks, pebbles & boulders, requiring three or more yokes of oxen to draw the plow, making scanty returns for much labor. They have a farm in New York, or they would scuffle, but now they are rich.

From Canterbury to Alfred July, 1869

W. 14— Started from Canterbury for Alfred.
El. Henry Blynn, Geo. Shepherd, Lucy Ann
Shepherd & Emiline Kimbal accompanied us
to Laconia 12 miles in carriages; here we dined
with them, & then took the cars to Center Harbor, then
crossed Winnepisiogee Lake in steam boat, changing
boats once in the time. R.R. to Saco, where we met
Elder Otis & El. John Vance who took us in a car-
riage & the stage to Old Orchard Beach, the shore of
the Atlantic Ocean, where we found Elderess Hester
& Elderess Mary Ann. Here we spent two nights
& a day & a half of foggy & misty weather, during
which time we bathed twice in the briney deep, both
brethren & sisters, having suitable clothes prepared
for the purpose. A very interesting & healthy oper-
ation, but by a misunderstanding spent one day
& night more than we intended.
F. 16— Two brethren from Alfred came down
with vehicles & conveyed us home with them about
20 miles, landed about 6 P.M. Ministry & all.
Sat. 17— Alfred has two Families, altogether about
60 persons. It is a pretty place, & well supplied
with buildings, more than the present number need,
the buildings of a former family being appropriated.
Their lands are a hard, compact clay, full of pebbles
& boulders, like unto those of Canterbury, & very hilly;

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Sab. 17 tho they have some bottom land, their soil is swampy & sandy, All returning a meagre supply for the immense labor bestowed. Visited some at both families to-day, & found a lively & interesting company of folks, whose company we enjoyed with a good relish. Took a walk with the young folks from both families, on the top of the barren hills. Enjoyed a nice time of it, the Ministry & Elder John Vance always accompanying us, who are choice jewels on this earth.

Sab. 18— Attended public meeting at 10 a.m. The writer made a discourse followed by Elder Harvey. After exercising in the usual manner & marching & singing &c., Elder John Vance made a short but very pert & appropriate address, & Closed. There was a respectable & intelligent audience, who gave marked attention in complete silence. We occupied the balance of the day in visiting various other duties &c. There is a little band of true hearted, clever souls in this ancient & sacred spot, who have endured many trying scenes & proved themselves valiant soldiers, & some very nice young folks now gathered to them, who promise well. The sisters make fancy baskets, fans, trinkets &c., for sale, their principal source of income. The brethren saw & sell lumber, tho they are now rebuilding the mill if they ever finish it.

Alfred to Gloucester, July, 1869.

M. 19— Set out in company with the Alfred Ministry for Gloucester, their farthest home down east; Elder John Parker accompanying as far as Portland. After a short stroll in the City & a dinner, we took the cars for Gloucester, & some of the brethren met us with carriages at a depot 7 miles from that place, & conveyed us home, about 6 P. M. Met with a hearty welcome.

Tu. 20— We visited the First Order, found them well supplied with house & shop room, & other accomodations, except their dwelling house which really needs to be supplied with a new one. We had a very pleasant & agreeable visit, walk over & around their premises. The Elders are Joseph Bracket, Hewet Chandler, Sucrelia Dutton & Aurelia Macy, a very clever lot of Elders. Hewet is principal Trustee also. There are about 60 persons in this society composing two Families, the Ch. & Gathering Order or Poland Hill. And they are a little band of very clever, social, good folks. They have a very nice, terraced garden on the hill side just west of the road & buildings, that looked lively & thrifty, where they raise herbs & vegetables for sale. They have a tolerably good farm, fine for meadows & tolerably good for grain, potatoes, &c., Good barns & stables, &c.

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Th. 20 — They have a Grist mill including a machine shop, with circular saws, planing mill, turning lathes for wood & iron, H. H. This is the mill that brought them into trouble, by the Trustees speculating in wheat & flour clandestinely, & one — Charles Vining — absconding full handed, & leaving them hopelessly involved. But there is a noble little band there struggling to survive it all, & are making it a success.

F. 21 — Visited Poland Hill. Lorenzo Gilman, Hannah Davis & Sarah Mason are the Elders. Here is a small family of nice clever folks with whom we had a very good visit. They occupy an elevated position from whence the White Mountains are visible on a clear day. They have a nice garden, & their land lies very well. It is a fertile soil for this country. They have a splendid stone building erected for a dwelling house, but remains unfinished yet. Their sisters make fancy baskets & hand & feather dusters & other trinkets, & two sisters go alone, by carriage & Rail Road, to the White Mountains, which is a Summer retreat for the fashionable world, to make sales. There is a beautiful mountainous & picturesque scenery all around this Poland Hill.

Their Post Office address.

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Th. 21 — A.S.P.M. The two families met at the meeting house, Ministry present & had a Society meeting which was very interesting indeed. Besides the other exercises, we both spoke at considerable length, as did many others, both brethren & sisters, but especially the former. The meeting was free, zealous, lively & loving. When meeting closed, we took a crossing farewell with them perhaps forever in this world.

Fr. 22 — We started for Harvard in company with Elder Otis Sawyer as far as Portland where we also met with Elder John Vance to our great joy. We took passage on the Ocean in a Steamboat* for Boston that evening at 7 o'clock, & reluctantly parting with the two good souls, we made a splendid ride of many miles before day light was down. Then sang a few songs to an attentive crowd & retired to rest. Next morning* found us in Boston harbor, where we met Br. Simon Atherton of Harvard & Elder Wm. Heatherbee of Shirley, which was a great accommodation. Carried in the city till 11 A.M. when we left for Harvard, & landed about 2 P.M. where we were greeted with a hearty welcome & pleasant smiles by the Ministry & others at the Office. The Ministry are Elder Grove Blanchard, Eld. Nancy Osment & Eld. Eliza Babbitt.

From Gloucester to Harvard

Harvard, Mass. July 23, 1869.

F. 23 — This Society contains about 80 persons, comprising 4 families, 3 of which are small, the bulk of them being in the First Order. The Elders of this family are John Clautman, Caroline L. King & Susan Channel.

Sat. 24 — We visited around with the Ministry & the First Order, the sisters & their apartments first. This is a beautiful place neatly kept & well supplied with buildings & domestic accommodations & with good, clever, warm-hearted folks. They have a large underground Reservoir on the hill side above the buildings high enough for the water to run all over the Village of the First Order, to all the dwellings, shops, wash house, barns, stables & tanks in the road to water horses & other stock. This is fed by a spring, conveyed in hydraulic pipes, about ¾ of a mile, across the valley, furnishing a bountiful supply of good water all the year round. They keep a small amount of stock, sell what milk is not needed for table use, a hired man is herdsman & milks the cows with a little hired help. They drive a portion of their stock 25 miles to a distant pasture, in the Summer, which they own on the mountains in New Hampshire. Their lands here in the village, are

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stony & hard to cultivate, similar to those of Canterbury & Alfred. Perhaps not quite so tough. But they contrive to make a good living, & have ample domestic accommodations. They have a good school house, well furnished & fitted up, & well conducted. They carry on the herb business to a considerable extent; have a remarkably good press, built under the superintendance of an ingenious young man who once resided here, but is now a celebrated draughtsman in the City of Washington. This herb business is one of their principal resources, but is now meeting with considerable competition. The brethren hurried us with their haying business to have a visit with us, which they did late in the evening, which was a very pleasant & agreeable one.

Sab. 25. Attended public meeting at 10, A.M. The writer addressed the spectators, & Elder Harvey followed, the two occupying an hour & a half. Others spoke some, & including the exercises, the meeting lasted nearly three hours. Spent the afternoon visiting with the First Order.

M. 26. Visited the Gathering Order & East Family, each containing about 15 members. Elder Wm. Leonard, who says he is buried 40 feet under temporalities, Eld's Betsy Knowles & Nancy S. Fairbanks

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M. 26 are the Elders of the Gathering Order. And Katharine Walker seems to be the main staff of the East family. In the afternoon we visited the girls' school, & then set out in company with the Ministry & Elijah Myrick, in carriages, for Shirley, 7 miles distant. Past by the Second Family of Harvard, where but few now remain, halted a few minutes, sung a song or two, & talked a little, & proceeded on to Shirley, about 4 P. M. Were warmly greeted & welcomed. This Society contains about 78 persons, comprising three families. And they are a very lovely flock.

Tu. 27 — Walked around with the Ministry & Elders of the First Order, & a portion of the sisters, saw the house now occupied by the little girls — that Mother Ann once occupied, & the room in which she was concealed from the mob. Where Father James was dragged out & beaten, & the room in which he kneeled down & exhibited his back to Mother Ann, all beat into a jelly by the cruel mob — or monsters. O! what ignorance & wickedness! In the afternoon at 2 o'clock, a society meeting was called, which was mostly spent in conversation & some singing. And a very pleasant, jovial time we had, in which the bonds of love

Elders 1st Order Shirley. Wm. E. Netherton, Abram Whitney, Sisters Mary & Lorana

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Su. 27 I union seemed to grow & strengthen rapidly so that it was a struggle to break up. After meeting, we visited the Gathering Family. Elder John Whitely, Eld. Sucretia M. Godfrey & Abigail Prouty are the Elders, & a nice lot at that. They have recently built a splendid brick barn with a hollow air space in the walls, very conveniently arranged for the comfort of both man & beast. There is a trough of water supplied with a running stream the whole length of the barn, where the cows can drink at their leisure at all times winter & summer when in the stable, & it does not freeze in winter. Another set of convenient troughs contain the feed. They use milk on the table & sell the surplus when new, instead of making cheese. The brethren do the milking. They drive stock from this society into New Hampshire 40 miles in the summer, where they have a pasture & summer dairy, kept by a hired man on the mountains, to make butter for sale & to supply themselves. The same mountains that are in view at Canterbury can be seen from here also with the naked eye, from the summit of which both societies can be seen with a spy glass. Eld. John Whitely is an Englishman by birth, & one of the nicest men in Christendom. He buys broom corn from Bishop Hill Ill. to make brooms. The carriage costs 3 cts. per lb.

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W. 28 — Set out from Shirley for Hancock 125 miles. The Ministry & Elder William Wetherbe accompanied us to Groton Junction, where we met Elijah Myrick & some half dozen sisters from Harvard, Mary Chandler, Olive Chandler, Fizzie Webster, Ann Eliza Walker, Maria Foster I believe the school teacher, & another one, name sadly forgotten. We had a short & cheering time with them in the depot, when we took the cars 125 miles from Shirley to Hancock. Past through Worcester & Spring-field, Mass. Reached Shaker Village about 3 P. M. Thro' a regions of mountains & valleys, quite an interesting picturesque scenery. We were kindly received with cheering smiles & countenances. The Ministry, Elder Front Dayman, Elderess Eunice Hastings & Elderess Clarissa Pees visited us, & we having received some cheering letters from home, eagerly perused them in hearing of the Ministry, one from sister Ellen Todd P. H. Ky. & two from South Union, Els. Nancy Moore & Townsend Weare. After which the Elders 1st Order visited us.

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Th. 29. This is a beautiful valley surrounded by mountains forming a delightful scenery. Large sugar trees line each side of the street which runs east & west. The buildings are splendid & abundant. And about 120 inhabitants, comprising three families viz. the Chh. 2nd family & Gathering Order. They have an abundant supply of water which runs wherever needed with an abundant supply the year round, having sufficient head to carry it wherever it is needed. They seem to have abundant resources for all necessary supplies, & buildings enough to accommodate double the number that now occupy them.

F. 30. We visited the second family in the fore noon, & the East or Gathering family in the afternoon, & had a pleasant time. They seem to be well to do for the necessaries of life & domestic accommodations, buildings &c. They were very lively, clever & sociable, & we had a very agreeable & satisfactory visit with them. Their lands, when thoroughly cultivated will yield from 10 to 15 barrels of corn per acre; & are excellent for grass, & for gardening. They fertilize liberally with guano, at $85 per ton.

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7. 30 We walked through & around the premises of the First Order, meeting with the sisters in their various places & avocations & had a very lively & agreeable time. We found Elder Thomas Dayman to be a universal genius & mechanic, his shop bore marks of this unmistakable character throughout. He has built an ingenious turning lathe for turning iron, which is a most complete specimen of workmanship, & has constructed machinery for cutting out & dressing up the various parts of the kind of swifts that are screwed to a table for use, which does the business most completely. He is the inventer of these swifts, & manufactures them by the whole sale at 50 cts per pair, & was at this time filling an order for 20,000 pair at that rate. Several of the sisters were aiding in this job, at such parts as they could perform, which were not a few. Their lands & farming are about the same as the other two families.

In the after noon Bro Josson the Trustee (a very active business man) & Eldress Clarissa & Betsy Johnson took us a ride — minus Eld. Harvey — to Pittsfield, & very injudiciously spent more than half the afternoon in towns. Spent the evening with the Ministry. After supper attended

a visiting meeting at the First Order, had a lively & refreshing time in conversation, singing, dancing, speaking &c.

Sat. 31— Left Hancock for Mount Lebanon, & arrived in the forenoon, were met with many demonstrations of welcome & respect. We the brethren, took a stroll with Elder Giles after dinner, saw their new barn, which which was built by hired hands in 20 days, & cost 5,000 dollars; & is 150 feet long & proportionably wide. Walked over some of their grounds, saw a meadow that cost $ 100 per acre to clear it rock, so that it could be mowed with a machine; & a fence was built, with the rocks removed from it from 6 to 10 feet wide, a bottom, & but moderately battered. Ex- a line a mile in length
pensive land & fencing. They have a seed house & tan house not far from the meeting house, on the same side of the road. A pond between them, formed by a stream that runs from another pond across the street under ground, this water is used repeatedly at different points, for turning machinery.

Sab. Aug. 1, 1869. Elder Harvey returned to Hancock, by request, to preach a sermon in public meeting, while the balance of us

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Sab. 1. remained at Lebanon, & the writer delivered a discourse at public meeting at 10 A.M. Elder Amos Stewart led the meeting, & made a short address to Believers before singing. A hymn was then read by another, & sung by all. The writer then addressed the audience, who remained silent & attentive over an hour. We then exercised in the usual manner & marching, with singing & speaking at intervals, the brethren retaining their coats on. They sing their songs about the same speed that we do. Closed with a song & dismissed as we do, after thanking the audience for their good behavior & attention.

Ch. Meeting, 2½ P.M.

Meeting opened with a song, when we were introduced & gave the love as usual, & had considerable speaking. The exercise commenced with stepping & shuffling about as we do, songs repeated about three times in that manner. Marching came next, about as we perform it, songs about the same speed, both in the quick & slow march, songs repeated 3 or 4 times. We had a round dance or shuffle & a war dance. A living testimony was kept up at intervals, in support of the faith, love to the way of God,

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Sab. 1. good feelings & resolutions, & a sharp testimony against the spirit of evil & the world. This gift was united in with much zeal & freedom, both by leaders & people at intervals throughout the meeting. At the close we received the love, & meeting was dismissed.

M. 2— Elder Daniel walked awhile with us awhile, to the drying kiln, machine shop & extract factory. They have a saw mill, slitting & planing mill, turning lathes, for both wood & iron running by water. A great accommodation in a family. William Calver, a musician conducted us to several shops to see their toncometers for teaching music; went to the school to see one, where we found the two teachers, Amelia Calver & Emma Jane Neal, who appear to be well qualified & pleased with their vocation. In the afternoon we went to the North Family & spent the evening, took supper, & attended a lecture, which was given by one Dr. Griscomb of New York in their meeting room, on the subject of free ventilation & fresh air, to preserve health. The Ministry & the Elders from all the families attended this lecture, & all the members of the North Family. It was after supper, & occupied about an hour, which was after dark.

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Tu. 3 — A youth boy having deceased on the 31st ult., the funeral & burial came off this forenoon at the Center. Some of us walked with them to the grave yard, up on the side of the mountain north east of the Office. The corpse was deposited in the grave & covered, when the procession returned stepping to the sound of music part of the time, leaving the Deacons & others to fill up & finish off the grave. We then went to the Second Order, took dinner, & had a very pleasant visit a second time, & returned to the Office to wind up for starting. Past through some of the shops & kitchen at Center, saw a mince meat cutter which I thought well of. After supper attended another lecture, on the same subject, by the same Doctor, at the Center in the meeting room, all the families that were near enough being present.

W. 4 — Went with Elder Frederic & Eldress Antheneth to visit the Canaan Families, about 3 miles distant. These two families each have a separate interest, though under the jurisdiction of the North Elders. We visited the Lower or farthest family first, & found it a very snug little family of nice folks, wide awake & able to sustain their organization. Their Elders are Thomas Smith, Wm. Carpenter, Minerva Reynolds & Louisa Green.

Lebanon, Canaan, Aug. 1869.

W. 4— This family is not quite so well supplied with buildings as some. Have a machine shop, & planing mill, run by water power. A drying kiln for fruit & sweet corn, & a good root cutter run by hand, cuts roots & pumpkins first rate. We visited their feast ground on a high hill in a piny grove very secluded, where the North & two Canaan families meet once a year, in place of riding out, have a fine dinner & ice cream, read their productions, which all are expected to write, & sing & speak, &c. These compositions are so numerous, that they never have time to get through with them all. Free latitude is granted for sociality, without a courtship ever having been started on such occasions which tells well for a good gift, gospel travel & government in a Gathering Order. They all seem to be deeply interested & well pleased with the exercises of the day, which is well calculated to call forth talents, faith & abilities. This lower family dried 89 barrels of sweet corn last year, with 4 cords of wood for drying & steaming. The bottom of the boxes or bins in their kilns, is covered with perforated tin, laid on wooden slats, which cost 25¢ per square foot. About 30 in this family, & as good a farm as any in the village.

Lebanon, Upper Canaan, Aug. 1869.

W. 4— In the afternoon visited the Upper Canaan family containing about 40 persons, very clever, bright, wide awake & sociable. The Elders are Daniel Sizer, Chauncy Sears, Jun. Hannah Wilson & Margaret Turner. This family pursue much the same business that the lower family does. (See previous page.) They have a drying kiln & saw mill & machine shop all in the same yard close to their shops & dwelling houses. They cultivate sweet corn, for which they have nearly abandoned the seed & herb business. After having a delightful visit with them, we tarried here all night preliminary to taking flight westward the following morning.

Th. 5 From Lebanon to Groveland.

We set out for Groveland, Elderess Antheneta & Clive Holden accompanied us to Albany. We reached Rochester about 300 miles, about 9½ P.M., being detained two or three hours in Albany. Elder Chauncey Sears Jun. Met us in Rochester, for which we were truly thankful.

F. 6— Visited the Genessee falls & other places in the City, which is a splendid one, & at 9½ started for Groveland, reached Mt. Morris about noon where we met El. Peter, Henry Cantrel, Augustus Stone, Polly Lee, Jerusha Truer,

Groveland Aug. 1809.

Lovina Dutcher & Maria Jane Dutcher with 3 carriages & elegant horses, which soon landed us at the lovely village of Groveland. Spent the evening walking around the premises a little, visiting the Elders &c. at the Center Family.

Sat. 7. Groveland.

This is a beautiful place in the Genneseee valley, with a canal running through it but a short distance from the buildings. They have not yet completed all the buildings they want, but are rapidly improving. There are two Families here, containing about 80 souls in all. The First Order has a splendid Dwelling house, but no kitchen attached, the intended dining room & kitchen being converted into a meeting room on the first floor; & they are at work finishing off a kitchen & dining room, one story, & detached from the house, with a sitting room on each side of the dining room, to collect into at meal time — a great convenience — & the odor of the victuals cannot pass up through the house. The lands in the Village are somewhat elevated above the flats, & a little

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Sat 7 inclining, so that water passes off freely, making it a healthy location. but they own a farm on the Genesee bottoms, about ½ miles distant, which is splendid, level alluvial soil, which when fully redeemed, will render them independent in temporal resources. We visited the Sisters of the First Order to day, & walked and through their building gardens, &c. & visited the brethren in the evening. We found here a family of very clever, interesting folks, with whom we had a very pleasant & agreeable visit.

Water Vrct, N. Y. June, 1869

El. David A. Buckingham born

Wm. C. Bracket born Feb. 18, 1808

Els. Elizabeth Harrison born

Catharine Furgeson born

Sylvester Prentice Aug. 28, 1806.

Elders 2nd Order Vacant.

Sarah Vanwirke born Sept. 2, 1820

Aurelia White " Feb. 13, 1813

Elders 2nd Family

Jeremiah Lowe born

Augustus Blase

Paulina Bates

Elvira Conklin

Gathering Order Elders.

Gathering Order.

Elder Issachar Bates born Nov. 22, 1790

Albert Lomas Preacher born Dec. 1, 1838

Elderess Lovina Salisbury " Sept. 19, 1798

Harriet Bullard born Nov. 18, 1824

Galen Richmond, Trustee

Wm. Hunter, Family Deacon or peddler

Abial Hathaway, Family Deacon

Mary Ann Lowe Office Deaconess.

Mount Lebanon, N.Y. June 23, 1869

Elders First Order.

Elder Daniel Crossman born
James Calver born June 30, 1789
Elderess Sarah Ann Lewis-
Harriet Goodwin

Elders Second Order.

Elder Calvin Reed born Apr. 20, 1821
Robert Valentine born Jan. 12, 1822
Els. Hannah Ann Agnew May 27, 1820
Adaline Sears born Aug 2, 1831.

Elders Second Family.

El. Ames Stewart born May 9, 1802
Avery Allen born July 21, 1809
Elderess Marilla Fairbanks Apr. 16, 1806.
Fannie Taylor born Feb. 19, 1806

Lucy Bacon deceased Aug.
17, 1868.
Good Razor branded,
Joseph Elliots Celebrated
Razor. Universally approved
Silver